4TH SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR C

The Tidings

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> The Parish Office is not open Weekends or Public Holidays

27TH MARCH 2022

PARISH OF MELTON SERVING THE AREAS OF: Melton, Melton West, Aintree, Boonie Brook, Harkness, Grangefields, Kurunjang, Plumpton, Rockbank, & Toolern Vale

MASS TIMES St Catherine of Siena Church IDB Bulmans Road, Melton West Wednesday 9.30am Saturday 6pm | Sunday 9am, Ilam & 5pm

> SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Please contact the Parish Office.

> > St Dominic's Church Church Street, Melton Thursday & Friday -9.15am

INTRODUCTION—

THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS. The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus' words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son's return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving

> Victorian Daylight Savings time ends Sunday 3 April 2022

Move your clock backward one hour at 3am (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)





STEWARDSHIP: FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022 Weekly Pledged: \$7,052.09 Weekly Amount Given: \$6,108.10



Celebrating 50 years as a parish 1972-2022



RECENTLY DECEASED: Marianne Sakowicz

ANNIVERSARIES: 26th March – 1st April Bruce Rayner, Richard O'Rourke, Tanya Balnaves, Thomas Bradshaw, Bryan Jongebloed, Colin Masterton, Charlie Spiteri, Antoniette Rebellato, Giuseppe DeVellis, John Scicluna, Ivan Fadljevic, Giuseppe Antoniani, Gerald Galea, Grace Muscat, James Mc Guinness, Margaret Dillon, Mariano de Jesus, Mary Buttigieg, Dorothy Corera, Enrico Garde, John Willmott, Dorothy Mulready, Tess Hodgson, **Tonino De Vellis, Francis** Fernando, Leodigario Abrenica, Tonino DeVellis, Carmela Aguis, John Spiteri, Jenette Hunter, Christobell DeJong, Patrick Jansz, Eufemia Agbayani.

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MUSICIAN REQUIRED FOR SATURDAY NIGHT MASS

The Saturday 6.00pm choir is looking for an experienced musician. If you are interested in playing at Mass then please contact the Parish Office on (03) 9743 6515 or email us at melton@cam.org.au.

REINTRODUCTION OF TWO COLLECTIONS

With the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions on collections being lifted, we will be reintroducing the two collections during all masses from next week. We thank all those that have supported the Parish during this challenging time and we encourage you to continue your support.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED-ST DOMINIC'S CHURCH

We are asking for a volunteer to fulfil the role of Sacristan at St Dominic's Church. This role includes changing cloths etc. Call the Parish Office on (03) 9743 6515. We will be happy to provide a volunteer pack for those that are not already volunteers in the Parish.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please join us for Adoration on Thursday morning 9.30am—10.30am at St Dominic's Church. We will be praying for our Parish. Includes Adoration and Rosary.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY-MELTON CONFERENCE MEETING

The Melton Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be meeting on 13 April 2022 at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room (Corner Smith & Unitt Streets, Melton). Those interested in joining are more than welcome.

Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves. the church and all humanity, especially Russia & Ukraine.

This weekend we will be joining Pope Francis and the Bishops of the world in consecrating ourselves, the church and all humanity and especially Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This consecration will be completed instead of the usual Prayers of Intercession.

A consecration to Mary's immaculate Heart is an outward way of expressing our inward desire to follow God's will and unite our heart with His. Pope Francis relates to us that Mary "takes us with the hand of a mother to the embrace of the Father, to the Father of mercy". He reminds us of the close connection Mary has with Jesus, and how she treasured everything she saw, "in her heart" (cf. Luke 2:19,51). By performing this Consecration, we not only join Pope Francis, the Bishops of the world but all the faithful of the world in giving Mary (and ultimately Our Lord) permission to our lives and our history. In doing so we allow the Holy Mother of God with the Holy Spirit, to complete her motherly duty to move us to compassion and inspire us to open our hearts so that we may be lead to the paths of peace.

BACKGROUND OF CONSECRATION TO MARY

St. Louis de Montfort is widely known as the principal advocate for what he calls, "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary." This is the traditional approach that has been used by many since the saint's death. It includes numerous prayers, litanies and readings to be read in preparation for Total Consecration. Many Popes have supported St. Louis de Montfort's teachings. While many encyclicals have been written on the subject it was St John Paul II that brought this practice to the consciousness of the modern world. St. John Paul II was an avid supporter of St. Louis de Montfort and even made Montfort's words apart of his papal motto (Totus Tuus – Totally Yours).



Easter Timetable 2022

PALM SUNDAY Saturday 9th April & Sunday 10th April 2022

Blessing of the Palms during Mass

HOLY THURSDAY Thursday 14th April 2022

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.30pm Adoration – 8.30 pm – 10.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY Friday 15th April 2022

Stations of the Cross (English) – 10.30am Followed by Individual Reconciliation Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY Saturday 16th April 2022

Blessing of the Easter Food – 10.30am Followed by Individual Reconciliation

Please Note - NO EVENING MASS

EASTER SUNDAY Sunday 17th April 2022

Easter Mass (Vigil) - 6.00am Easter Mass - 9.00am, 11.00am & 5.00pm

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Friday 15th April (Good Friday) - 11.30am -12.00pm Saturday 16th April (Holy Saturday) - 11.00am - 12.00pm

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YEAR 7 2024 ENROLMENTS



Catholic Regional College, Melton is a Year 7-12 co-educational secondary school. It provides education for students from the Parishes of Bacchus Marsh, Melton & Melton South.

At Catholic Regional College Melton, we nurture the faith development of our students, focus on their individual needs and strive to develop their academic potential.

Applications for Year 7 2024 at our Melton West and Cobblebank campuses are now open.

Applications are due by Friday 19 August 2022.

COLLEGE TOURS WILL BE HELD ON:

Wednesday 23 March 12pm Tuesday 3 May 2pm Wednesday 25 May 9am Wednesday 1 June 12pm Tuesday 19 July 2pm Wednesday 10 August 9am

You can register for a tour of the College on our website www.crcmelton.com.au/join-us/college-tours

> 109-141 Bulmans Road, Melton West Ph: 03 8099 6000

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